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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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The Board of Supervisors assumes an active leadership role in promoting public health and emergency response by proclaiming August 1-7, 2009 as World Breastfeeding Week. The theme for World Breastfeeding Week 2009 is "*Breastfeeding: A Vital Role in Emergency Preparedness. Are You Ready?*" The purpose of this theme draws attention to the vital role that breastfeeding plays in emergencies worldwide and locally. It highlights the need for active protection and support of breastfeeding before and during emergencies.

Breastfeeding is a vital part of an emergency response in that it provides a safe and secure source of nutrition for infants and small children when clean water and sterile environments are unavailable. World Breastfeeding Week seeks to inform families, health advocates, communities, health professionals, governments, aid agencies, and the media on how they can actively support breastfeeding before and during an emergency.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim the week of August 1-7, 2009 as “World Breastfeeding Week”;
2. Acknowledge the global theme, “*Breastfeeding: A Vital Emergency Response – Are you Ready?*” by encouraging all County departments to actively support breastfeeding before and during an emergency by promoting breastfeeding as the safest and most secure way to feed an infant or small child after an emergency;
3. Encourage all County employees to promote the many benefits of breastfeeding, including the protection for infants and small children before and during emergencies; and
4. Urge all citizens to support breastfeeding as an essential way to promote the public’s health and protect infants and small children before and during an emergency.

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